

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 814

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. John D. Bartee for his laudable contributions to the farmers of Montgomery County and to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John D. Bartee is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee, Director of the Montgomery County Extension Office, coordinated a monumental effort to bring hay into Montgomery County to aid farmers who were suffering during the severe summer drought of 2007; and

WHEREAS, no industry is more profoundly affected by the weather than agriculture and in 2007, Montgomery County farmers battled some of the worst elements in Mother Nature's arsenal: record drought and triple-digit heat in mid- to late-summer; and

WHEREAS, in a move to save Montgomery County's second-largest agricultural income source – beef cattle – from financial ruin due to the severe weather conditions, 5,000 rolls of hay were brought in from Oklahoma; the hay was sold at a minimal cost to drought-stricken livestock farms throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee worked assiduously to help secure the hay, negotiate pricing, organize distribution and financing, and make arrangements with area law enforcement professionals to ensure the hay was delivered to its rightful owners without incident; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Mr. John D. Bartee for his meritorious service to the farmers of Montgomery County and the citizens of Tennessee by coordinating the monumental effort of bringing hay into Montgomery County during the summer drought of 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.